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Marion County Politicians Up to Old Tricks!

56 Teamsters Discharged by Commissioners

Violate Agreement Signed
With Local Union 135
Last September

As a Republican majority of Marion County Commissioners took office this month, 56 County Highway employees, members of Teamsters' Local Union 135, were told their services were no longer needed. This action came on the heels of a plea by Governor Henry F. Schriener that politics be adjourned for the duration of the war emergency.

Reprehensible Trick

The firing of these employees is particularly reprehensible because only last September the Marion County Commissioners signed a statement of policy agreement with the Teamsters' Union in which full job security and seniority rights were guaranteed. However, Commissioners Bosson and Ayers saw fit to discharge these men without even one hour's notice.

Commenting on the Commissioners' unfair action, Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135, said:

"Only last month the Republican party held a big meeting in which they decided to woo organized labor. They have started off in a fine fashion by arbitrarily discharging union workers without any notice whatsoever."

Creates Disunity

"Last September when we had to strike to get union recognition for the highway employees, the commissioners screamed that we were obstructing national defense. Now, however, when it suits their pur-

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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

Davidson, Stinson Reelected to Office by Local Union 691

J. R. Davidson and Wayne Stinson were re-elected to the posts of president and secretary-treasurer respectively of Richmond Local Union No. 691 at a recent general membership meeting.

Others elected to office include: Bernard Ornt, vice-president; Ralph Krone, recording secretary; David Cash, Tom Hampton and Harry C. Williams, trustees.



Bank official handing General Secretary-Treasurer John M. Gillespie receipt for \$1,000,000 worth of stock in the U. S. A. as Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to the general president, looks on.

Teamsters For Merit System

The urgent need for a merit system law governing local government employees in the State of Indiana was brought home sharply this month as 56 Marion County highway employees, members of the Teamsters' Union, were fired without cause and without notice in violation of a signed labor agreement.

The discharged men had done nothing to warrant dismissal. They had been loyal, steady and hard-working employees. Their only mistake was to have had the misfortune of landing their jobs when a different political party held the reins.

These workers were not democrats or republicans. They were good union workers and good Americans, and they wanted to continue their service to the community.

The well-upholstered and editorially anemic INDIANAPOLIS NEWS, which has done nothing but add its little squeak to the Republican party's national anti-labor howl for the past 50 years, much less take healthy interest in the establishment of good public administration in Marion County and Indianapolis, said that it believed the voters had placed a mandate in the hands of the new Republican County Commissioners to discharge these highway workers and replace them with others.

This attitude is in line with the NEWS' policy of coasting along in its comfortable, profitable, flabby position while Marion County and Indianapolis continue to have notoriously low standards of public administration.

The only time the NEWS rolls out of its lethargy a bit

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Decision Awarded Local 215 by NLRB

EVANSVILLE. As the result of an election supervised by the National Labor Relations Board, drivers for the Kentucky Transport Company will become members of the Teamsters' Union, according to C. B. Birdsong, president of Local Union No. 215.

Local 215 worked with Louisville Local 89 in its effort to organize this company, declared to be one of the most virulent anti-union outfits in this section of the country. It was necessary to break up an anemic company union in order to swing the membership over to the Teamsters.

Negotiation of an agreement will begin as soon as the official certification of bargaining rights arrives from Washington. Two hundred men in Evansville, Louisville and Nashville are involved.

Kentucky Transport hauls exclusively for the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company.

"These men will soon know the difference between a company union and the Teamsters' Union. As a matter of fact, the company union was no union at all, but merely a social club," said Birdsong.

International Buys More Defense Bonds

Proves Union's Sincerity in
Promise of Men and
Money to Win War

A huge investment of one million dollars in federal bonds for national defense was announced this month by General Secretary-Treasurer John M. Gillespie of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Second Million

This is the second purchase of that size made by the union and a third will be made within the next few months, Gillespie said.

Furthermore, the Teamsters will continue to invest at the rate of \$2,000,000 per year for the duration of the war.

This proves that the Teamsters were serious when they pledged their men and money to the government in its wartime crisis. They are in this war to the bitter end, no matter what it costs.

Authorized by Executive Board

"The investment was authorized by the general executive board as a demonstration of our confidence in our government and our determination to back it to the limit of our resources," Gillespie said.

Already we have put \$2,000,000 into treasury bonds and this is just the beginning. It takes money to fight a war and all that we have is at the disposal of the government. We know that if we lose this war, our money won't be any good anyway. Our treasury will be wiped out along with our union

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HAVE IT DELIVERED

Taxi Local No. 11 Reelects Schlageter President for 1942

William Schlageter has been re-elected president of Taxi Drivers' Local Union No. 11, Evansville.

Other officers elected for 1942 are: Tom Johnson, vice-president; Curtis Branner, recording secretary; Maurice Wheelhouse, financial secretary, and William Johnson, trustee.

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Official Magazine Lives Up!

This month General President Daniel J. Tobin's wise move in hiring Lester M. Hunt to edit the International's official publication bore fruit as the one-time drab OFFICIAL MAGAZINE blossomed forth as the newsy, well-edited, interesting INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER. We take this opportunity to congratulate the International Union and the editor of its official publication upon an expert job of renovating.

At a time when great and mighty labor unions throughout the country are expanding and improving their publicity organs, it is gratifying to see the Teamsters' Union progress along with the rest. In the past too many international union publications have been more like personal diaries of the leaders in charge rather than the important journals that they should have been.

These are times when labor needs a mighty voice to preserve and protect the gains of the past decade. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters recognized this need when it hired the services of Mr. Hunt, a man whose brilliant journalistic achievements are well known from coast to coast. Speaking of the need for publicity, Editor Hunt said recently: "When this war ends we will need our own medium of publicity to withstand the attacks that will be made upon us, not only by the employers but by racketeering unions. And while the war is on, we need our own press to see that our enemies do not stab us in the back while we are fighting for America."

Rank and file members of the Teamsters' Union throughout the country have been hungering a long time for a magazine such as Mr. Hunt produced this month. With the proper co-operation on the part of the International officials we may expect Editor Hunt to put forth an even better publication in the future.

The trend of employing first class, experienced newspaper men is not confined to the International. The Washington Teamster recently employed Ralph Benjamin, a newspaper executive of many years' experience. The associate editor of this paper is E. J. Donohoe, who came to the Teamsters from the city room of the Seattle Times.

The Minnesota Teamster has just engaged Jack Keefe, of the Minneapolis Tribune. Keefe has 12 years' experience on daily papers and the Associated Press.

Harold Newton, another capable news man, holds the editorial desk of the Wisconsin Teamster.

The Southern California Teamster went to Minneapolis to obtain its editor, James Shourt, who was a printing salesman.

While Shourt has not had the experience of the other Teamster editors, he shows promise, and by studying their papers, we have no doubt he will be able to improve greatly the make-up and contents of the California publication.

The emergence of the International Union's official magazine as THE INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER with its improved editorial policies will serve to co-ordinate the activities of the state Teamster papers, and will set an example for them to follow. It is with great pride that THE INDIANA TEAMSTER welcomes THE INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER into the family of Teamster publications. We wish THE INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER continued growth and success.

You Bet We Are Proud

Yes, we are proud of the American workmen who grabbed guns or pick-handles and joined up with the Marines to defend Guam and Wake Islands. But, we are not surprised. We would be mightily ashamed if they hadn't.

After all, the workers at Guam and Wake and the Marines are all the same kind of Americans. The ranks of the working men furnish nearly all of the men for the army, the navy and the marine corps. So, naturally, we are proud of all of them.

This is one country, one people, with one goal—the smashing of the enemies of liberty. Japs, Nazis, Fascists all look alike to us over a rifle sight. —THE WASHINGTON TEAMSTER.

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVE TOTH

I wish to use this means of thanking my friends for those beautiful Christmas cards my wife and I received. My humble wish is that I may hold your friendship. This brings to mind a short poem by Frank Dempster Sheridan:

It is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arm of a comrade kind
To help me onward with my load.

And since I have no gold to give
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is that while I live
God make me worthy of my friends.

Joe Furba of Justak and Sons (the lucky stiff) and friend wife are leaving shortly for a three-week vacation at Miami, Florida. The name Miami sure brings back recollections. I remember the time a certain truck driver strolled down Biscayne Boulevard, cut over on 22nd street to the Syracuse Bar and had one of those southern zombies. Two hours later it took six men and two taxi cabs to get him back to the hotel.

Bob Schreiber of Calumet Teamling has a new profession—he escorts women on shopping tours in Chicago.

L. Denton of Steel Transportation and Kenneth Clayton of Schiller's are on the sick list. Here's hoping for a quick recovery, boys. Uncle Sam needs the service you were providing.

The boys at McKeown Transportation Company received turkeys for Christmas. Pass the white meat, fellows.

Steve Mergesky of Varady Trucking had his car stolen. Ho hum, a truck driver without his car is as badly off as a cowboy without his horse.

I saw the Michigan Motors boys eating sauerkraut and Polish sausages the other day. Wonder what they use for a wash? Water spoils the taste of sauerkraut.

Lake County Central Labor Union is endeavoring to sell a million dollars' worth of Defense Bonds. Over \$200,000 worth have been sold to date, according to Fred F. Schutz, president of the body. All local unions and members of unions in Lake County, let your secretaries know how many bonds you have purchased. Let's show the JAPS they are a bunch of SAPS by buying Defense Bonds and Stamps.

As Pat Hess would say, "You mugs, get them slugs into the Red Cross."

Remember Pearl Harbor!

POOR STILL UNFAIR

The Henry Poor Lumber Company of Lafayette is still on the unfair list, according to Glen H. Rabanus, secretary-treasurer of Local 543. Henry Kessner's Lumber Yard is still the only fair company in town.

No Advertising!

You will notice that no advertising appears in these columns. That is no accident. The Indiana Teamster does not accept advertising of any description. We believe that it is the duty of a labor newspaper to print the news and views of Organized Labor, and not those of the advertisers. Paid advertising usually hampers the editorial freedom of a newspaper. It has long been a policy of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to avoid advertising in its official publications. We subscribe to that policy. We represent the Indiana Teamsters, and none else!

LINDBERGH WRITES A LETTER

By LESTER M. HUNT

Assistant Editor of The International Teamster

Extra! Lindbergh says he wants to join the army!

Well, why didn't he stay in the army when he was in it?

And if he wants to get back, why doesn't he go down and enlist like any other American, instead of writing letters about it?

Evidently Lindbergh still doesn't understand how they do things in this country.

Does he think the army is going to send a portable recruiting station out to his house with a bunch of photographers?

Of course all this ballyhoo is typical Lindbergh promotion. He thinks no more highly of American institutions than he ever did. He just wants the public to believe that he does. Then he can worm his way back into public confidence and be in a position to sell us down the river again.

Typical Fifth Column Stuff

This latest act of Lindbergh's is typical of the new strategy of the Fifth Column as represented by the America First Committee. It is the same stunt that was pulled by Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune.

But McCormick was smarter. He didn't stall around for two days like Lindbergh and John Lewis did. He whirled so fast he almost stuck his knife in his own back.

And now, under cover of the cloak of patriotism he has gathered around him, McCormick whets his knife again. He prints slurs on British bravery and Russian motives. He is following his old theory of isolation by trying to isolate us from our allies and leave us alone in the path of our united enemies.

Little Fuehrer Lindbergh

He is still going toward the same goal of Nazi supremacy, but by a different path. Along that same path on the heels of his master, trots Little Fuehrer Lindbergh tossing red, white and blue confetti into the eyes of his countrymen so that they can't see where he is going.

Lindbergh's present duplicity is revealed in the syndicated newspaper column of Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, which recounts his remarks before a secret meeting of America First conspirators on December 17, ten days after the Japs had launched the assault Lindbergh claimed would never come.

Lindbergh Advises Kamerads to Lie Low

On that occasion Lindbergh advised his kamerads to lie low until the storm of patriotic resentment had spent itself, and said that there would be plenty of opportunity for the America First Committee to renew its critical sabotage of the Allied war effort.

And now this filthy Quisling wants to join our army!

America is indeed a sucker if it rests its honor on this sullied sword of Nazi steel. We trusted him once and he betrayed us. Our soldiers and sailors are now dying because Lindbergh and men like him—Wheeler, Nye, Lewis, and McCormick—maliciously lied to us and tried to divide us so that we almost fell beneath the foul blow when it struck in the Sabbath dawn.

Let us accept as comrades any patriotic German, Italian or Japanese—but never a man like Lindbergh.

He doesn't belong in our army, or any army, where men fight in the open. He belongs in a concentration camp!

Teamsters for Merit System

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is when it turns its editorial knife in some sincere labor union's back.

The voters did NOT give the commissioners the right to abrogate a labor agreement that was concluded in good faith. The voters did NOT give the commissioners the right to disrupt from both commissioners and highway workers. The 'spoils system' in the middle of a national emergency. And the voters did NOT give the commissioners the right to fire needlessly minor, non-policy-forming employees.

If the voters wanted broad policy changes in the county government, they have a perfect right to expect such changes. But what has that to do with the services of the 56 unfortunate highway employees? They were able workers. They would have repaired the roads by Republican methods. They would have used the Republican cement and asphalt handed to them.

The voters did NOT put these commissioners in office to break a labor contract.

The public, of which the Teamsters' Union constitutes an important segment, has a right to expect good public administration from both commissioners and highway workers. The 'spoils system' is incompatible with efficient administration. We say it is time to do away with this woring practice of Indiana politics.

The Teamsters' Union hereby serves notice to the public that it intends to muster its mighty resources in this state to see that a merit system law is passed at the next legislature. The public is hungry for a move of this nature, and it will back the Teamsters in getting such a law through. Both the public and its organized labor division stand to benefit from a Civil Service Law.

Meanwhile, the Teamsters' Union will not forget those warden politicians who betrayed it. We will meet them at the polls sometime with our members and their families, 50,000 strong.

Joint Council 69 to Strengthen Indianapolis Locals

NEW CAR HAULERS TO BE SHUT OUT OF DEFENSE WORK

Unless War Dept. Softens Anti-drive-away Stand

Five thousand Indiana Teamsters engaged in the hauling of new automobiles via both drive-away and truck-away methods will be out of jobs on January 31 unless the War Department relaxes its hard fast rule that all army trucks and tanks must be delivered to their destinations by railroad.

Protests Lodged

Protests against the War Department's arbitrary attitude have already been lodged in Washington by both the Teamsters' Unions and the operators involved.

On January 31 the production of new automobiles for civilian use will be shut off completely by government order, and the productive capacity of the auto plants will be turned over to the manufacture of trucks, tanks and plane motors only. This will leave the tow-bar drivers and truck-away drivers without any work to do unless they are allowed to help deliver the army equipment.

"Men Are Patriotic"—Biggs

Protesting the move, Walter E. Biggs, president of South Bend Local Union No. 364, said: "Our men are patriotic and want to do their part in helping national defense. They should be allowed to serve where they can do the most good, and that is in their own transportation system. They are professional drivers."

"Why should the railroads handle this movement completely? They are already burdened by defense hauling, and the addition of all these army trucks will just make another bottleneck. The railroad yards will be piled full of trucks that could be in service."

"Faster Than Rails"

"The drivers can deliver the trucks faster and much more economically than the rails. And the Teamsters promise no stoppage of work for any reason whatsoever."

At THE INDIANA TEAMSTER goes to press there has been little progress towards softening the army's attitude.

In Washington, both Frank and Fred Tobin, representatives of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, are working hard on this problem.

Fred W. Myerz, president of the Myers Drive-away System, an important carrier of new Studebakers, said, "Both drivers and operators are willing and anxious to do their part in the vital transportation phase of the national defense effort, and should be allowed to do so. Studebaker expects to make three hundred trucks daily for the army. Imagine the confusion that will cause for the rails! Every branch of America's transportation system will be needed before the war is over, and this important automobile hauling industry should not be allowed to die now."

Already Lost Drivers

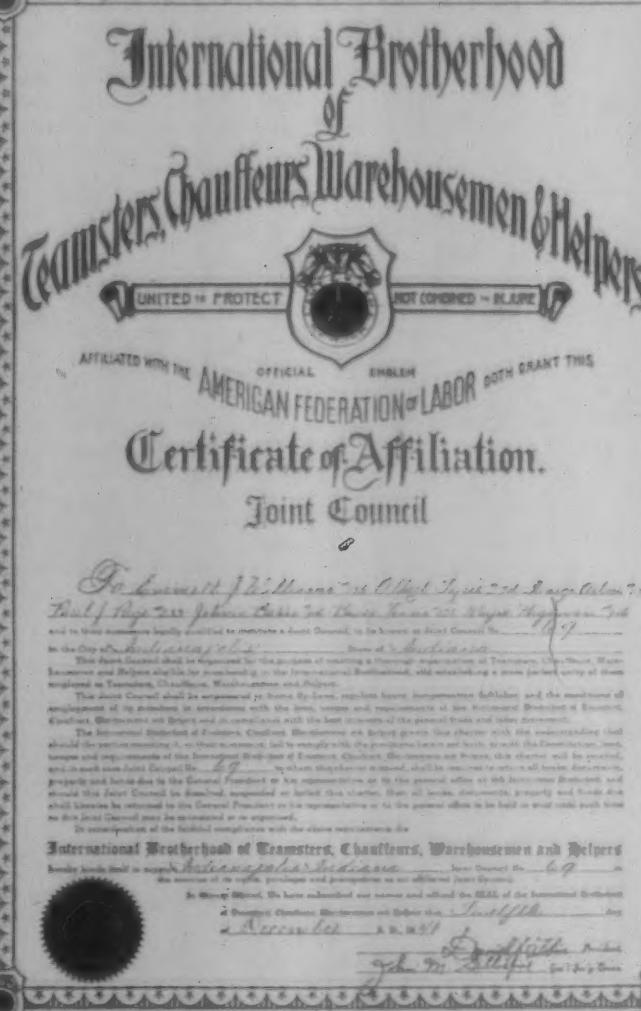
Operators have already begun to report the loss of skilled drivers to other industries as the result of the decrease in traffic.

HAVE IT DELIVERED

Local No. 362 Has Elections

Hammond Local 362's officers for the coming year are: Roscoe Colby, president; Jerry Carroll, vice-president; William Sullivan, secretary-treasurer; William Godd, recording secretary; M. Ehrenhardt, three-year trustee, and Henry Willing, business agent.

New Joint Council Charter



Over-the-Road Men Win Raise From Mediation Board Award

Six thousand Indiana over-the-road truck drivers, along with thousands of over-the-road drivers in 11 other Midwestern states, received pay increases of four-tenths of a cent per mile and ten cents an hour as the result of a far-reaching decision handed down this month by the National Defense Mediation Board.

Retroactive to Nov. 18

The award is retroactive to November 18, the date the old contract expired, which means that some fat checks will be going out to the over-the-road drivers.

The decision sustained the position of The International Union which in in a patriotic move averted a strike that would have tied up transportation by turning the entire matter over to federal arbitration.

Unanimous Decision

In addition to the wage hike, the mediation board also ordered six-day annual vacations with pay. William H. Davis, chairman of the mediation board, announced that the six-man panel had voted the award unanimously.

The decision of the defense mediation board will go down in history as one of the most significant events of this generation, as it affects 225,000 employees of 800 trucking firms in Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas.

"We feel that this decision was not only a victory for the Teamsters but also for democracy," said E. J. Williams, Indiana member of the 11 states area committee, "and I know that the unions will live up to their part of the agreement."

For several weeks the union's area committee had met with the employers' committee in Chicago to negotiate a contract for the coming year.

In submitting the question to arbitration the union's case was excellently fortified with help from the statistical department of the International Teamsters Union. This department had worked long and hard to uncover every bit of information that would throw light on the entire dispute.

The employers had sought to prolong the hearing, contending it did not have all the information it desired, but the Office of Production Management, after giving both sides a short period to enlarge their cases, ordered the case submitted to arbitration.

INDIANAPOLIS MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 135

Shop Stewards	3rd Sunday of month
Bread and Cake Division	1st Tuesday of month
Grocery Division	3rd Tuesday of month
Milk and Dairy Division	1st and 3rd Wednesday of month
City Delivery and Dock Men	2nd Tuesday of month
Road Drivers	Last Sunday of month
Furniture Drivers	3rd Thursday of month
Beverage Drivers	1st Thursday of month
Executive Board Meeting	1st Monday of month
Construction Drivers	2nd Wednesday of month

LOCAL 716

Coal and Ice Drivers	4th Wednesday of month
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LOCAL 233

Commission Drivers	1st Wednesday of month
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HAILED AS PROGRESSIVE MOVE; WILLIAMS IS NAMED PRESIDENT; AL TYREE, SECRETARY-TREASURER

To Have Promotional League Modeled After That of Seattle Joint Council No. 28

Realizing the importance of unity and solidarity during the war emergency and the difficult times to follow, Indianapolis Local Unions banded together this month to form Joint Council of Teamsters No. 69.

General Drivers Local 135, Coal and Ice Haulers 716 and Commission Drivers 233 are the first three units to come under the charter granted by the International Union early this month. It is hoped that other local unions in this vicinity will affiliate in the near future.

Williams Named President

Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135, has been named president of the new joint council. Albert Tyree, secretary of Local Union 716, and Paul Page, president of Local Union 233, have been selected secretary-treasurer and vice-president respectively. Headquarters for Joint Council No. 69 will be 28 West North Street, Indianapolis.

Expressing satisfaction with the formation of the new joint council, Russell Houze, president of Local Union No. 135, said: "There never was a time when unity was needed more by all local unions than now. By forming this new joint council, we have taken an important step towards holding our organization together. With our resources and ability now pooled in the service of the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 69, we are fortified and well prepared to face the trying times for labor that are ahead."

To Have Promotional League

Plans are being set in motion to establish a powerful promotional league for the joint council modeled after that of the Seattle Joint Council No. 28. This promotional league will be very helpful in the winning of strikes and will also serve as a political weapon in the event that the necessity for such arises.

E. J. Williams, president of Joint Council No. 69, in speaking of its founding, said:

"Indianapolis has merely followed the brilliant example set by Minneapolis, Seattle, Los Angeles and the other cities where strong, closely-knit joint councils have been established. We only hope that ours is as successful as the others have been."

"Council Was Needed"

"We are organizing at a time when such a council is sorely needed and I am sure that all locals will benefit very much. At present only the three Indianapolis locals are affiliated. However, other local unions in the vicinity of Indianapolis are invited to join. Affiliation with the new joint council will in no way affect any local's autonomy, but will serve to strengthen every local."

"We have great plans for Joint Council No. 69. While the war is on we will perfect our setup and pay a great deal of attention to publicity and good public relations which are badly needed by all of us. After the war is over we will immediately pursue a vigorous organizing campaign with all the power that a united, virile joint council can muster."

BUT DEFENSE BONDS

Gray Elected Head of 856

Brazil Local 856's new officers are: Herbert Gray, president; Harry Williams, vice-president; Lawrence Miller, secretary-treasurer and business agent; Dave Brown, recording secretary, and Harold Williams, three-year trustee.

Lake County Oil Haulers Get Raise

One hundred and fifty Lake County oil haulers received substantial pay raises late last month as the result of the signing of a new agreement between the operators and Hammond Local Union No. 362, according to Harry D. Cole, business agent, who conducted the negotiations.

"Negotiations were pleasant throughout," said Mr. Cole, "and we certainly intend to do our part in keeping our relations that way. This is a fine contract and we are proud of it."

Seniority rules, union shop, check-off and vacations with pay are provided for in the agreement which will run for one year.

Hourly Rate Is 96c

The most important feature of the contract is the wage scale which reads as follows: "All regular drivers shall receive a guaranteed minimum salary of \$46.08 per week on a basis of eight hours per day, six days per week. All work done after 48 hours in one week shall be paid for at time and one-half times the regular hourly rate, and to be in addition to the regular weekly guarantee. Hourly rate shall be 96c per hour."

The operators who signed the agreement are Sprout and Davis, Inc., Robert Blaske Co., and the Rogers Cartage Company, all of Hammond and all engaged in hauling gasoline and oil from the refineries to the wholesale distributors.

Retroactive to October 1

After one year's service with the company, a driver shall receive one week's vacation with pay; after two years' service, two weeks with pay. The terms of the contract are retroactive to October 1, 1941.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

Lafayette Local Boasts Three More Men in Service

Lafayette Local 543 is proud of the fact that three more of its members are now in the United States Army, according to Glen H. Rabanus, secretary-treasurer of the Local.

George Ostendorf, driver for the Ready Mix Concrete Company in Lafayette, has volunteered for the Parachute Troops division of the Army. Fred Brown of the Schurman-Lange Company, Lafayette, has enlisted in the Air Corps and is now stationed in Missouri. Jim Turner of the Dexter Trucking Company, Lafayette, enlisted January 7 in the Air Corps and will soon be stationed at Wichita Falls, Texas.

"These men were good union members and we know they'll make fine soldiers. They have gone off to the service of their country, and we are proud of them," said Rabanus.

International Buys Additional Bonds

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and all of our democratic rights and privileges.

"It has been our policy to accumulate substantial sums in our treasury as a protection to our members in times of emergency. In this war, they are facing the greatest emergency that ever confronted them, or ever will confront them.

"America's Greatest Emergency"

"And at the same time we are assisting our country in its greatest emergency. Under no circumstance that our leaders could have anticipated, would our money have been put to greater advantage than in the purchase of bonds to maintain the form of government won at Valley Forge, perpetuated at Gettysburg and challenged at Pearl Harbor."

The \$2,000,000 invested in treasury bonds is in addition to \$100,000 purchased in Series G defense bonds. Fifty thousand is the limit that may be bought by any one purchaser in a year.

After attempting, unsuccessfully, to have the regulations modified to permit greater purchases, the Teamsters' International decided to accomplish the same purpose by buying treasury bonds. There is no limit on the amount of these investments.

The \$2,050,000 held by the International is in addition to an undetermined amount acquired by individual unions and joint councils throughout the country.

Local Unions Also Buy

Many of the individual unions have been buying steadily to the limit of their finances and it is conservatively estimated that another half a million has been invested in democracy by the membership which has gained so much under democracy.

BUY DEFENSE BONDS

DOWN ON THE OHIO WITH LOCAL 215

By CLYDE BIRDSONG

Most of the boys at Auto Shippers are getting jobs as special police since the automobile factory went down here.

Everybody is wondering how long George Berfanger went without eating before the New Year's Eve party at Bennie Seibert's house.

Quite a number of the boys at the party were from Kentucky. You could tell by the way they held the wine jug.

How many naps did Tuck Annis (Hayes) take between drinks? He was seen going up the steps out of the basement at least five times!

Needless to say, we all had a great time at the Seibert New Year's Eve party.

Don't forget that you can buy defense stamps and bonds at our office any day in the week. Help Uncle Sam win this war by buying all that you can possibly afford. As a matter of fact you cannot afford NOT to buy them!

Special: We would like to know where Mike Angel took Burley Barton after our regular meeting on Sunday, January 4, 1942? Or did Burley take Mike? At any rate, there were plenty of phone calls wanting to know the whereabouts of these two playboys; all voices were familiar.

Creasey Wholesale Grocery Company is still unfair to our Local Union. Do not purchase their products until they are on the fair list.

I always think this is the Garden Spot of the World, but today it's colder than the north pole, and there are no signs of vegetation of any description.

Local Union 144's New Home Does Credit to Community



Terre Haute Local's New Building

Terre Haute Teamsters are justly proud of the fine new home into which they recently moved. They welcome brother Teamsters and their friends to visit them at any time.

Cost \$25,000.00

The building, located at 121 South 8th Street, was originally built at a cost of \$50,000.00. However, Local Union No. 144 was fortunate in being able to purchase it for only \$16,000.00. They added \$9,000.00 more for remodeling which brings the total cost to \$25,000.00.

Members Are Stockholders

The deal was handled by forming a corporation for the purpose of

buying and acquiring real estate. Each and every paid-up member is a stockholder in this corporation. Corporation directors are: Earl Clevolt, president; Albert Corrigan, vice-president; John O. Harkness, secretary-treasurer, and Harold Oakes, James Fidler, Paul Buell, Russell Herter, John Reynolds and Chester Reynolds, directors.

Several labor organizations in addition to the Teamsters use the new building to hold their meetings. On the main floor is an office, ladies' lounge and an auditorium which seats about 700 people. In the basement, there is a banquet room and a kitchen with full cooking facilities. On the upper floors are conference rooms and offices.

The building is definitely a credit to both the Teamsters' Union and to the community.

Paid For, Too

"Another thing we are proud of," said John Harkness, secretary-treasurer of Local 144, "is that the building is completely paid for."

Local Union 144 Elects '42 Officers

At a recent membership meeting of Local 144, Terre Haute, Harold Oakes was elected president for the next three years.

Other officers elected at this meeting were: James Fidler, vice-president; Milo Van Horn, recording secretary; John Harkness, secretary-treasurer, and Lloyd Parish, trustee.

Jack Reynolds will continue as a business agent.

Evansville Taxi Drivers Win Pay Raise in New Agreement

Evansville taxi cab drivers received an hourly wage increase of five cents this month as the result of a new agreement reached between Taxi Cab Drivers' Local Union No. 11 and the Yellow Taxi Company and the Under Storage Company.

Curtin There

Negotiations for the wage increase, which have been going on since mid-December, were completed this month and are retroactive to January 1. Representatives of the Indiana Division of Labor participated in the negotiations in their closing stages and were instrumental in bringing the parties together on the final terms of the settlement. Representing the Division of Labor were William Curtin and Dorris Kimer.

Mrs. Sarah Kinder signed the agreement for the employer and William Schlageter, president, signed for the union. On the negotiating committee for the union were Schlageter, Thomas Johnson, Carl Reichert, Morris Wheelhouse, Joe Strehl and Ernest Wright.

Standard provisions of previous agreements are maintained under the new contract.

"Will Help a Little"

William Schlageter, president of Local Union No. 11, said, "We are happy the controversy is over and that the boys have a raise. Prices and the cost of living have been skyrocketing, and this will help out a little, at least for the time being."

AMERICAN TEAMSTERS RIDE BURMA ROAD BRINGING WAR SUPPLIES TO CHINA

Washington, D. C.—Seventeen hundred American teamsters are riding the Burma Road, keeping the lifeline of liberty open to the gallant defenders of China and daily defying death from Japanese bombers.

This was revealed by Richard J. Beamish, member of the Pennsylvania Utility Commission, who said these union workers volunteered to give up their comparatively safe jobs at home at the call of the Government to take up the dangerous duty of keeping supplies rolling to China.

The men are working under the leadership of Clarence Bowman, a former Philadelphia truck driver. Beamish said American teamsters were needed for the job because they were tough enough to keep going under punishing conditions.

The Japanese raiding planes are exacting a heavy toll of death on the Burma Road, but the trucks driven by American teamsters are still rolling in steady procession. More teamsters are on the way to the Orient to take the place of their comrades who have fallen and still more are ready to go and do their bit toward smashing the Japs.

TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE CAMPBELL

Your South Bend (not so good) correspondent takes his pen in hand to scrawl something that might be of interest to your monthly sheet. As you know, gossips have a keen sense of rumor, I will thus begin:

Closed shop contracts have been signed with Shidler Furniture Company and also the Sigrist Furniture Company. Substantial pay increases for the drivers and helpers were gained.

Business Agent Snyder must have it in for some coal dealers in Goshen, at least one, because he still has a picket on one there. Some of the yards signed up and Buck says they have buried the hatchet, but in a shallow, well-marked grave.

Four or five boys from the Ries Furniture Company were whooping it up at the Eagles in Mishawaka New Year's Eve. Ed Daubert came up to Durh Workman and said, "Say, that last girl I was with can't dance so well, but how she can intermission!"

Lee Floor, steward at Clemans Freight Lines, and four or five other drivers there insist that the most direct route to Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo is via Pennsylvania and High Streets in South Bend.

Business Agents Murrin and Keiter, who live on Lincolnway West, near the office, were observed checking the pavement first on one side of the street and then the other to see which side was better to park on. Someone asked them what the idea was and they replied that they wanted to find the more level side so they could jack up their cars at night and save the wear and tear on their tires.

Charles Zielinski of Voorhees-Jontz Lumber Company, after reading this month's INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER, informed your correspondent he is going to join the army because he wants to be one of those teamsters on the Burma Road. More power to you, Charles. We know you'll make good.

56 Teamsters Fired By Marion County

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poses to impede and endanger national defense by creating insecurity and disunity in the ranks of the workers, it is a different story. While American soldiers are fighting and dying at the battle fronts, the Republican Marion County Commissioners have taken time out to play peanut politics. If it was 'national defense' last September, it is certainly NATIONAL DEFENSE now.

Apparently agreements mean nothing to these Commissioners, but they do to the Teamsters' Union, and this defenseless action will not be forgotten.

One would think that by this time Marion County Republicans would have developed some real leaders instead of ward-heeling politicians.

Had Agreed on Seniority

Section four of the policy agreement signed with the County last September reads, "This board will recognize seniority, and in making any changes with respect to employees will grant seniority rights." They have completely disregarded this.

The Teamsters' Union has a national reputation for keeping its word. That policy has been scrupulously adhered to in Indianapolis. But that makes no difference to politicians who play the 'spoils system' to perpetuate themselves in office.

A definite plan is now underway to get a merit system enabling law through the next session of the State Legislature. These workers must have some degree of security so that America will be worth fighting for.

"What do the County Commissioners care about unity when politics are at stake?" said Williams.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR

Negotiations with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Bursley and Company at Richmond are expected to be completed in the near future, according to Wayne Stinson, secretary-treasurer of Local 691.

HAVE IT DELIVERED

Hoosier Locals Report

Local Union 691 provided Christmas baskets for 75 needy families of Richmond.

Lafayette Local No. 543 recently signed a contract with the Hicks Body Company in Lebanon covering their drivers and helpers.

Richmond Local 691 announces that its new agreement covering city drivers, warehousemen and helpers is about to be signed. The new contract calls for an 8 1/4% hourly raise for drivers, and 5 1/4% hourly raise for warehousemen. The agreement will be retroactive to December 28, 1941.

We are happy to have won a favorable decision from the National Defense Mediation Board in the Over-The-Road case. It just goes to show you what can be accomplished in a Democracy.

NOTICE, BOWLERS!

Of Indiana Teamster Locals

Local Union No. 135 of Indianapolis is sponsoring two bowling teams this season. One team is

captained by "Red" Stokes and has an average of 800; the other team is headed by Warren Miller and has a team average of 850. These two teams challenge any team of their average, that is, any league-sanctioned team, to a match game. Total pins for three games to decide the winner.

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